

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 739

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Assistant Chief James T. Carroll on the occasion of his retirement from the Chattanooga Police Department.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those law enforcement professionals who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm, always remaining true to their motto, "To protect and serve"; and

WHEREAS, Chief James T. Carroll is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as a law enforcement officer for the last thirty-four years, having astutely handled the reins of leadership as Assistant Chief of Investigative Services for the Chattanooga Police Department (CPD); and

WHEREAS, a native of Hamilton County, Chief Carroll began his lifelong career of service and sacrifice in the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, first in communications and criminal records and later as a patrol officer from 1979 to 1982; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-nineties, he became a sergeant in the Homicide Unit of the CPD, where he researched and resolved several unsolved homicide cases, investigated police-involved shootings, in-custody deaths, and police officers accused of criminal offenses, and he led courses in law enforcement at local colleges; and

WHEREAS, due to his hard work and dedication, he became supervisor of the Homicide Unit, in which position he served for two years, before ascending to his role as Major Crimes Division Commander; and

WHEREAS, as Commander of the Major Crimes Division, Chief James Carroll oversaw the daily operations of six major crimes units, five sergeants, twenty-five investigators, and four civilian support staff employees, proving just how essential his skills and expertise were to the CPD; and

WHEREAS, his exceptional leadership over the Major Crimes Division eventually led to his most recent role as Assistant Chief of Investigative Services, in which position he was responsible for Intelligence/Computer Crimes, Major Crimes, Property Crimes, Special Investigations and Criminal Investigations earning the respect and admiration of his fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his invaluable contributions to local law enforcement, Chief Carroll was nominated for the 2002 Investigator of the Year and the 2006 Supervisor of the Year awards by the CPD; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), Chief Carroll earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, specializing in Law Enforcement and Law and the Courts, and later completed 280 hours of police management training at the Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy and the UTC Law Enforcement Innovation Center; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional achievements, Chief James Carroll served as president of the Fraternal Order of Police from 2000 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, though he will always cherish his time with the force, he looks forward to his well-earned retirement and the opportunity to pursue other interests, such as camping, winter sports, home improvement, and astronomy; and

WHEREAS, Chief Carroll also looks forward to spending more time with his loving and supportive wife, Becky L. Carroll; their three children, Jordan Carroll, Terry Barnes, and Sarah Williams; and their three grandchildren, Hunter LeRoy, Terry Barnes III, and Bailey Carroll; and

WHEREAS, Chief James Carroll exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and loyalty that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and diligent officer of the law; and

WHEREAS, he has served his community and his country with the utmost pride, professionalism, and integrity throughout the many years of his esteemed career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Chief James T. Carroll, exceptional police officer

and friend to his community, for his years of exemplary service with the Chattanooga Police Department, thank him for his dedication and leadership, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.